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ELECTROCUTION LAW SELF-CONDEMNED.

Thus far, since the Electroconvulsion Law

went into effect, the manner of its operation

has been its own most forceful condemnation.

The tortures and lingering deaths of Keweenaw and Auburn, the

terrible uncertainty and suspense at Sing Sing, have borne their own dreadful

testimony that the statute is one unworthy

a place in the law books of a civilized State. It is such refinement of

crucifixion, even as no barbarian tyrant ever

imposed upon the prisoners of war who became his victims.

There has, indeed, always been a suspense

and a dread attaching to the administration

of the death penalty. But in man who was to be hanged had not to

look forward to so unknown and uncertain a fate as allotted to the man condemned

to the electric chair.

I'm ready to die, but I am to be electrocuted

I hope it won't be a repetition of the horror at Auburn.

Those were the words of JAMES SLOCUM,

the wife-murderer, while awaiting his last hour at Sing Sing. The feeling they

betray is one of the elements of torture under the present law. It can never be any different with the men

condemned while the law stands. Even though a murderer finally die quickly

and painlessly, as the statute-makers meant that he should, the existence

of this torturing, mind-unbalancing apprehension for unknown days before the

shock is given forms in itself something of that "cruel and unusual punishment" which the Constitution expressly prohibits.

THE FREE DOCTORS' CAMPAIGN.

Midsummer heat is close at hand. The

dog-days are not far removed. It is the

most critical period of the heated term for the sick and weak in the tenements.

It is a most important period in the campaign which THE EVENING WORLD'S free

doctors are waging on behalf of the suffering children of the poor.

The resources of this corps of good physicians should be ample. Every friend of

humanity and of childhood should bear a willing hand towards keeping them so. It is a thing simple enough to do. There is no sacrifice of time or labor. There is only to remember the Fund as liberally as one's own resources will allow.

The Fourth of July is once more over, and everybody, including Old Sol, is

back in business at the old stand. It was a glorious sort of a holiday in all ways, and no one who celebrated discreetly feels the worse for it. Let it come again.

Italy is to return to the ancient and

prayer custom of visiting the shrines to the sea, by casting a golden ring to old Neptune from the vessel's prow. The

Stella will thus be dedicated next Saturday.

The Washington W. C. T. U. mission-

aries have begun a crusade on certain soda fountain syrups which are in great

demand. It is rumored that the Capitol City has been winning its little eye.

A Minnesota man has just awoke after

an almost continuous nap of sixteen years. It will be observed that Rip Van Winkle still holds the record at twenty years.

Divorce has separated husband and

wife in each of three generations out in the Chickasaw Nation, all at one time of court. Incompatibility ran in the family.

HANNIBAL HAMILTON is dead. And he

was eighty-two. Another link gone between old days and these. But the Republic is still young.

BUREAU acknowledges that he will

pay the freight in Connecticut. But not out of his own pocket. Nor will he tell

Whose.

England prays for Gladstone and

SPAIN, too.

Well, it won't be the Fourth again for a

year.

SPOTLETS

The Wicked Child is growing stout.

Trustees farmers bought a dog over a piece of property. Their belief was now gone about it.

Illustrated railroad men have been arrested for

laying third track. It was the wrong track apparently.

An eighty-year-old husband who abandoned his wife is being sued for divorce. He cannot put in the plea of extreme youth.

The very strongest thing alive.

Thermometer at a steady rise.

Research as a profession.

Spontaneous and agonizing convulsions are a distinction with a difference.

There are more stars in the electrical exhibition than in the stock of the average outer-maker.

The fire-eater has sunk into ignominious desecration for another year.

The great American diamond—that of the

harmless.



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